

House Bill 2340, “An act to increase the protection of children who ride in the back of pickup trucks or open beds of vehicles by raising the minimum age, removing the exemption that makes allowance for small counties, and modifying the exemption that makes an allowance for agricultural enterprises, and increase the penalties.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Jennifer Weiss (D-Wake), Garland Pierce (D-Hoke, Robeson, Scotland), Beverly Earle (D-Mecklenburg), and Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland). The law becomes effective October 1, 2008.

House Bill 2487, “An act to change the format of a drivers license or special identification card being issued to a person less than twenty-one years of age from a horizontal format to a vertical format to make recognition of underage persons more easy for clerks dealing in restricted age sales of products such as alcoholic beverages and tobacco products as recommended by the Child Fatality Task Force.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Dale Folwell (R-Forsyth), Garland Pierce (D-Hoke, Robeson, Scotland), Pat McElraft (R-Carteret, Jones), and Bill Faison (D-Caswell, Orange). The law becomes effective October 1, 2008.

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